

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King today reacted to efforts by Democrat House leadership to block amendments he introduced to H.R. 2847, the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Bill.

King introduced an amendment to keep the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) out of the 2010 Census, effectively barring taxpayer dollars in the bill provided to the Census Bureau from being disbursed to ACORN. King also introduced an amendment that would bar any taxpayer dollars in the bill from being provided to ACORN.

In June 2006, then minority leader Nancy Pelosi unveiled a plan entitled “A New Direction for America.” Language in the plan explicitly stated that “Every person in America has a right to have his or her voice heard. No Member of Congress should be silenced on the Floor.” Another direct quote from her plan: “Bills should generally come to the Floor under a procedure that allows open, full, and fair debate consisting of a full amendment process that grants the Minority the right to offer its alternatives.”

Last night, Speaker Pelosi and Democrat leaders passed a gag rule to ensure King’s amendments never made it to the House floor. King’s statement follows:

“Three years after Speaker Pelosi’s grandiose promises, the hypocrisy of her 2006 pledges is glaring. This Pelosi Congress is violating its commitments to the American people so it can protect its political cronies like ACORN.

“ACORN is facing charges of voter fraud and tax violations and has received over \$53 million in taxpayer funds, yet Democrats refuse to allow a debate, let alone cut off ACORN’s access to the taxpayers’ wallet. ACORN could soon be running the 2010 census if President Obama, a former

ACORN employee, follows through on plans to have ACORN ‘partner’ with the Census Bureau.

“Justice demands that Congress cut off ACORN’s access to taxpayer dollars and put an immediate end to ACORN’s involvement in the 2010 census.”